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1. AFTER STUDYING CANADIAN PROPOSAL IMCO A1/ F/2.04(NV.7) FOR CHANGE IN AMENDMENT PROCEDURE FOR FACILITATION CONVENTION WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER EXISTING PROCEDURE. WHILE US GENERALLY SUPPORTS INCORPORATION OF TACIT AMENDMENT PROCEDURE IN IMCO CONVENTIONS AND THIS APPARENTLY IS CANADIAN INTENT FOR FACILITATION CONVENTION, LATTER' S EXISTING AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ARE LIBERAL AND HAVE WORKED SATISFACTORILY. MOREOVER WE CONCERNED THAT IF AMENDMENT PROCESS OF FACILITATION CONVENTION WERE RE- OPENED WE WOULD RUN RISK OF MORE RESTRICTIVE AMENDMENT PROCESS RATHER THAN CANADIAN TACIT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL BEING ADOPTED.

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2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IMMEDIATE CANADIAN PROPOSAL IS ESSENTIALLY A PROCEDURAL ONE REGARDING THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE COINCIDENT WITH THE ASSEMBLY IN ORDER TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF FACILITATION CONVENTION. HOWEVER WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE TO SEPARATE THIS PROCEDURAL ISSUE FROM THE UNDERLYING SUBSTANTIVE ASPECT DISCUSSED IN PARA. 1 ABOVE AND THEREFORE CANNOT SUPPORT CANADIAN INITIATIVE.

3. US DEL REQUESTED TO APPROACH CANADIANS INFORMALLY TO CONVEY ABOVE VIEWS AND TO ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THEM TO WITHDRAW THEIR PROPOSAL. ROGERS

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